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No charges in crash last year that killed six

ABBOTSFORD There will be no charges laid against an Indo-Canadian man who killed six people and injured 19 more last summer when his pickup plowed into a pre-wedding celebration along a road in rural Abbotsford, police said yesterday.

Abbotsford Const. Casey Vinet said charges of criminal negligence, dangerous driving and driving without due care were considered, but no charges were recommended. Crown Counsel reviewed the report and concluded the driver's action did not constitute an offence.

Just after 11 p.m. on Aug. 24, the pickup crashed into a group of 35 people who were walking in a pre-wedding procession in the 1800 block of Lefeuvre Road.

Killed in the crash were Rubal Gill, 21, Harjinder Sanghera, 57, Satwinder Mahil, 57, Bhupinder Clair, 25, Ripudaman Dhillon, 32, and Damanpreet Kang, 13.

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Pride flag **Man behind the rainbow**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Millions of gays and lesbians around the world have adopted the idea of empowerment behind Gilbert Baker's Pride flag design. Baker is in Vancouver as a Pride Parade co-marshall and to help celebrate the flag's 30th birthday. Story, page 4.

Thirty years of city Pride

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Hundreds of thousands of people will fill the streets of Downtown Vancouver Sunday for the city's biggest Pride parade to date.

It will mark 30 years of both the Vancouver Pride Society (VPS) and the rainbow flag.

John Boychuck, president of the VPS, said this year's parade has increased by one-third in length and 25 per cent in participation, bringing the total to more than 150 entries.

One new participant is Sher Vancouver, a social support group for gay Sikhs. It will enter a Bollywood-themed float.

"It's truly becoming a celebration of diversity," said Boychuck. "It's a party that the city just loves to experience."

He added there will also be 150 vendors with "everything that you can imagine in the marketplace that has to do with rainbows and blankets and pins."

This year's grand marshals are Jane Rule, a well-known lesbian author, Sahan Abeysundara, a founding member of Equal Ground who is crusading for gay rights in Sri Lanka and Gilbert Baker, designer of the rainbow flag.

Boychuck said that various community organizations have been given free entry into the parade as well as a budget for decorating.

"So we should see even more colour and more fantastic marching units rather than just a feather boa and a placard," he said.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Robson and Thurlow streets and go down Denman and Pacific streets before ending at Sunset Beach, where the festival's main stage will be.

The two-hour even begins at noon.

Sunset Beach

- The Pride Festival on Sunset Beach will be headlined by Simone Denny, former lead singer of Toronto group Love Inc.

Plans for new tolled Pattullo

TransLink is developing a plan to build a new Pattullo Bridge that would be financed through tolls, the organization's board announced yesterday.

TransLink hopes the bridge would be open in less than 10 years.

The decision followed a consultant's report that concluded a new bridge is more preferable than investing the money into repairing the crossing.

According to TransLink, it would cost the same amount to rehabilitate the 71-year-old three-lane bridge for 50 years as it would to build a new bridge that would last 100 years.

With the decision, the transportation authority will begin consultations on the location of the bridge, the associated road network and a possible rail crossing.

It is unknown, however, what impact a tolled Pattullo would have on a twinned Port Mann Bridge.

In defending a proposed toll on the Port Mann, Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon frequently hailed the Pattullo as a non-tolled alternative.

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Stage guns seized by border services
Four B.C. men face 78 criminal charges after 800 replica guns meant to be used in TV and film production were resold to the public by two Lower Mainland stores. The guns were seized by the Canadian Border Services Agency. CKNW.COM

Local

Foundation rallies for 'idiotfish'

The David Suzuki Foundation wants Pacific Coast fisheries closed so "idiotfish," left, can rebuild their population and have their habitat protected. The population has declined more than 50 per cent in the past eight years despite fewer boats sailing due to higher fuel prices. METRO VANCOUVER

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Bob deRoos helps load a blue whale jawbone on a truck.

Blue whale bones soak in 'hot tubs'

DEGREASING The remnants of a 25-metre blue whale that washed ashore 20 years ago on Prince Edward Island "relaxed" in a pair of "hot tubs" in Victoria yesterday.

The bones, which have been stripped of their meat, will be degreased over the next eight months in a pair of large square plywood tubs in a building in Victoria's inner harbour.

The tubs, which resemble large, rubber-lined plywood planters, will be filled with an enzymatic solution to remove oil from the bones. They will also be heated and aerated.

Getting rid of the oil ensures that the bones won't stink — or drip fluid on museumgoers — when the completed skeleton is assembled next fall in the atrium of UBC's Beaty Biodiversity Museum, said Michi Main, project co-manager.

"Ideally ... you'd let it sit on a beach in Mexico and bleach out in the sun and heat for 50 years. But we have a bit of a timeline here," Main said.

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Rockslide blasting begins

Clearing Sea-to-Sky Highway expected to take 5 days

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The blasting is the first stage in an estimated five-day process to open Highway 99, the main route between Vancouver and Whistler.

At 11:18 p.m. Tuesday, a rockslide crashed down between Porteau Cove and Furry Creek covering the highway and the CN Rail line. No one was injured in the slide, which shattered the windows of a tour bus.

When the cliff is stabilized, the 5,000 to 16,000 cubic metres of rubble, including rocks the size of pickup trucks, will be dumped from the highway into Howe Sound.

More blasting and scaling is expected today, with cleanup expected to start tomorrow. The road should reopen Monday.

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Debris and dust falls into the waters of Howe Sound after engineers blast a piece of rock still hanging over the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

Police complaint process 'broken': Watchdogs

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Two prominent civil-liberties watchdogs will boycott B.C.'s police complaint process against individual officers because they believe the "system is broken."

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association and the Pivot Legal Society announced yesterday they are encouraging clients to seek redress through civil litigation, rather than B.C.'s police complaints commission.

"Having grown hoarse with calling for reform we must now do what we can to assist complainants who allege police misconduct," said Micheal Vonn, policy director with B.C. Civil Liberties Association. "And that recourse is best achieved through the court system."

Vonn said the boycott only affects "public trust" complaints — those alleging misconduct by specific officers. Both organizations would continue to file police policy complaints when appropriate.

On Tuesday, B.C.'s police complaints Commissioner Dirk Ryneveld expressed disappointment in his annual report that promised reforms have not been implemented by the provincial government.

Most troubling, he said, is the fact serious complaints will often not be thoroughly investigated and civilian oversight has not been completely accepted by the policing community.

By the numbers

- Of the 307 complaints this year, only one has lead to a suspension of the officer.

Douglas King, a lawyer with Pivot, said the low rate is "a hallmark of a system where police are investigating themselves."

News in brief

FRAUD Richmond RCMP has released a mail fraud warning, cknw.com reports. Several letters were sent telling people they can cash the enclosed $1,350 draft but would have to send $1,250 to a Thunder Bay address to help test a payment system.

LOTTERY The B.C. Lottery Corporation is releasing a report today that says retailers have the same chances of winning the lottery as that of any other players, cknw.com reports.

PITBULLS Police are looking for the owner of a pack of pit bulls that has been frightening people and killing dogs across the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, news1130.com reports. The pit bulls' latest attack on July 7 killed a mini-American Eskimo dog.

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Cilantro recall
B.C. health officials have recalled some brands of cilantro due to possible salmonella contamination. The affected brands are NewStar, Ready Set Serve and Cross Valley Farms. SOURCE: NEWS1130.COM

From pink triangles to rainbow flags

Creator of popular symbol to marshal Pride parade

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

The idea was born in 1978, when a San Francisco artist decided that the existing symbol for gay pride — a pink triangle that Nazis originally used to identify gays — needed to be replaced.

With a thousand yards of cotton, Gilbert Baker began crafting a giant rainbow banner, along with many smaller flags. Each of the rainbow's eight colours were assigned a meaning, but together became a symbol of empowerment for the world's lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and trans-gender community.

Gilbert Baker designed the rainbow flag in 1978.

The flags flew in San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade that year. Today, the rainbow flag is the most popular symbol of gay pride and the gay rights movement.

"The flags are a visibility tool and the importance of it is the way we use it to proclaim our power," said Baker yesterday, in town for this weekend's Pride celebrations. "That visibility is the thread of our strength."

While he is reluctant to accept praise for the symbol's creation, he admits that the positive reception has given him strength.

"I'm an artist," he said. "I have my ups and downs, but when you make something people love, it's a wonderful feeling," he said.

Baker will be one of the three grand marshals of Sunday's Pride parade. Fittingly, this year marks 30 years of both the Vancouver Pride Society and the rainbow flag.

Pride events

Fri., 12 p.m. Pride Weekend Launch with members of Vancouver City Council. At Vancouver Art Gallery, 750 Hornby St. Tix: free.

Fri., 7 p.m. Koodo's Big Night Out: an outdoor street dance party featuring DJs, artisans, beer garden and a 12-foot Twister board. At Davie Street between Burrard and Bute streets. Tix: free.

Sat., 9 a.m. Honour one of the founders of Vancouver Pride in the Terry Wallace Breakfast. At Davie and Bute streets. Tix: by donation.

Sun., 12 p.m. Pride Parade. At Robson and Thurlow streets. Tix: free.

Sun., 12 p.m. Pride Festival featuring live music, community booths, artisans and a beer garden. At Sunset Beach, 1489 Thurlow St. Tix: free.

Sun., 9 p.m. Youth Dance. At Holiday Inn, 1110 Howe St. Tix: free.

Info: vancouverpride.ca/events.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER
James Steck and Blue Satittammanoon get ready for Pride Week at Celebrities Night Club on Davie Street yesterday.

Celebrities goes biblical for Pride

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

"It's that fun atmosphere where ... there's no testosterone floating around"
James Steck

CELEBRATION For the masses that frequent it, Celebrities Night Club has long been known as a sanctuary of sorts, a rainbow-coloured circus where pride is prominent and fun is a priority.

James Steck, who handles marketing and promotions for the club, said that inhibitions are checked at the door and people mingle in an atmosphere of acceptance and diversity.

"Celebrities is that happy medium where everyone comes and gets along: the gay and lesbian community, the transsexuals," he said. "Even the straight community loves to come because it's that fun atmosphere where … there's no testosterone floating around."

In the '60s, the multi-level venue at 1022 Davie St. was called the Elegant Parlour and was owned by none other than Tommy Chong of comedy duo Cheech & Chong.

The Elegant Parlour was a hotspot for visiting R&B singers such as Diana Ross and the Supremes. Chong also played guitar in the house band.

In recent decades, it has flourished into the city's premier gay and lesbian club, having hosted countless gay icons such as Ru Paul and Amanda Lepore.

For this year's Pride, the club is going biblical. For days, staff has been assembling an elaborate garden scene complete with a waterfall, a giant apple tree, rocks and flowers.

"We've kind of themed this year's Pride as the Garden of Eden," said Steck. With a laugh, he adds: "With Adam and Steve, the way history should have been."

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City to celebrate Olympic opening

DONNA NG
for Metro Vancouver

BEIJING Vancouver is hosting a two-day celebration event to coincide with the beginning of the Beijing 2008 Olympics on Aug. 9 and 10.

The free event will include Canadian athletes, sports demonstrations and live musical entertainment.

Organizers say that festival goers will have an opportunity to feel the Olympic and Paralympic spirit through sports demonstrations and a chance to participate in some sports themselves.

Top Canadian athletes will be signing autographs while giant outdoor screens will show coverage of the Beijing Games.

Busy weekend

- The Olympic festival also coincides with the kick off of the 9th Annual Vancouver Chinatown Festival at 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 in Chinatown.

Brothers sentenced to three years for scam

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

FRAUD Two Vancouver men have been sentenced to more than three years in a U.S. prison after pleading guilty to stealing about $3 million through a telemarketing scam, RCMP said yesterday.

The brothers, Stephen and Bruce Ironside, pleaded guilty to operating a Vancouver-based telemarketing business that mainly targeted elderly U.S. residents. They told their victims they were winners of a foreign lottery or that they had an excellent chance of winning. The Ironsides employed telemarketers who used fictitious names when conducting calls.

Restitution

- Stephen, 53, was sentenced to 41 months imprisonment, and Bruce, 51, was sentenced to 51 months. Both had to pay restitution of more than $1.8 million.

Aldergrove teen dies in crash

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

ACCIDENT An 18-year-old driver died in a fiery crash yesterday morning.

According to the RCMP, speed and alcohol are being looked at as contributing factors.

The Aldergrove resident was going westbound on 16th Avenue near 250th Street when his vehicle swerved off-road, sheared off a power pole in mid-section and crashed into the ditch in flames.

Neighbours and RCMP officers attempted to put out the flames and remove the driver before firefighters arrived, but the driver died inside the vehicle.

"It's unclear what has caused the car to burst into flames," said RCMP Cpl. Peter Thiessen. "I can't say how big the fire was but it engulfed the entire car."

Regina man facing 10 more child sex offences

Darren Philpott, already accused of a series of sex offences involving children is now facing 10 more charges — and police now are alleging those charges are connected to his work at a school and as a Big Brother volunteer. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

Conviction upheld

The Quebec Court of Appeal has upheld the fraud conviction and sentence of Chuck Guité, the former federal bureaucrat who headed the federal sponsorship program. Guité was convicted in May 2006 on five counts of fraud totalling $1.5 million related to the federal sponsorship program. Guité was sentenced to 3½ years in prison. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Horror on Greyhound bus

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Canada

Passengers aboard a Greyhound bus from Edmonton to Winnipeg yesterday recounted a scene from a horror movie, when a man stabbed another rider repeatedly in the neck before cutting his head off.

Garnet Caton told CBC News he was riding directly in front of the victim Wednesday evening. The young man was sleeping with headphones on. Caton said he heard a "blood-curdling scream," and turned to find the attacker gouging at the man with a large knife.

"He must have stabbed him 50 times or 60 times," Caton said.

"Like, just everywhere, arms, legs, neck, chest, guts, wherever he could swing it, he got it," said Cody Olmstead, another passenger who witnessed the horrifying attack.

FRED GREENSLADE/REUTERS

A man sleeping on a Greyhound bus as it rolled across the Canadian Prairies was killed and decapitated by his seatmate on Wednesday night, other passengers on the bus told the media.

The 37 passengers aboard the bus Wednesday night stampeded for the door, leaving the crazed attacker still stabbing his victim, described as a native male around 18 to 20 years old.

Caton, the bus driver, and a trucker who stopped to help re-entered the bus to see if the young man was still alive.

"When we came back on the bus, it was visible at the end of the bus he was cutting the guy's head off and pretty much gutting him up," Caton said.

The attacker slashed at the men with the knife as they ran outside, and they were able to barricade the doors so he couldn't escape.

"While we were watching the door, he calmly walks up to the front with the head in his hand and the knife and just calmly stares at us and drops the head right in front of us," Caton said.

The RCMP arrested the man shortly after.

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Tobacco firms hit with fines

SMUGGLING Two Canadian tobacco firms admitted they had aided the contraband tobacco trade and will pay out more $980 million in record fines and payments to boost anti-smuggling efforts over the next 15 years.

980

Two Canadian tobacco firms will pay a fine of $980 million for aiding contraband cigarettes in the 1990's.

The two firms are Imperial Tobacco and Rothmans Benson & Hedges.

The charges relate to the years between 1989 and 1994, when tobacco taxes, especially in Eastern Canadian provinces were so high that they prompted widespread cigarette smuggling. REUTERS

News in brief

CELLULAR PHONES The federal industry minister has stopped just short of threatening cellular companies over plans to charge for every incoming text message, pointedly noting other countries regulate such fees. Bell and Telus recently announced the changes to their text plans to significant consumer backlash.

MURDER CHARGE A Quebec man, has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of his son's 17-year-old girlfriend, whose body was found Wednesday in a wooded area near the Yamaska River about 100 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Richard Berard, 44, also faces a kidnapping charge. REUTERS

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A small business jet crashed near an airport in southern Minnesota yesterday, killing eight people on board, all customers of an architectural glass company who had been headed to Owatonna, a town south of Minneapolis. REUTERS

World

Prince to visit special forces

Britain's Prince William is set to spend time with his country's special forces in the last of his military secondments, Clarence House said yesterday. The second-in-line to the throne will visit UK special forces — the army's Special Air Service and the navy's Special Boat Service — in a non-operational role in the autumn. REUTERS

Karadzic appears in UN court

TRIBUNAL Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic appeared before a UN war crimes judge for the first time yesterday to answer genocide charges and said he had been kidnapped and feared for his life.

Karadzic

Karadzic, arrested last week after 11 years on the run, wore a dark suit and tie. He appeared gaunt, his shock of hair whiter and shorter than when he was last seen in public out of disguise more than a decade ago. REUTERS

Roles overhaul

Bush orders intelligence reorganization

The White House yesterday unveiled an overhaul of intelligence powers that concentrates power in the national intelligence director and drew immediate criticism from Congress for failing to consult on the changes.

President Bush approved revising a 1981 executive order to better define the various intelligence agencies' roles and responsibilities as well as take into account a 2004 law that created the director of national intelligence job.

The efforts to shore up U.S. intelligence activities follow numerous lapses, including failing to detect the Sept. 11 attacks ahead of time as well as erroneous conclusions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even after the position was created, the intelligence community has not been without controversy. Last December it issued a report that questioned Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions despite concerns by some administration hardliners.

The action by Bush provoked bipartisan anger among House lawmakers who said they were not properly consulted or briefed on the planned changes. REUTERS

Director's new powers

- Under the order, the director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, will gain primary responsibility for developing relationships with foreign intelligence agencies that had been traditionally handled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

NASA confirms water on Mars

SPACE NASA scientists said yesterday they had definitive proof that water exists on Mars after further tests on ice found on the planet in June by the Phoenix Mars Lander.

"We have water," said William Boynton, lead scientist for the Thermal and Evolved-Gas Analyzer instrument on Phoenix.

"We have water." William Boynton

"We've seen evidence for this water ice before in observations by the Mars Odyssey orbiter and in disappearing chunks observed by Phoenix last month, but this is the first time Martian water has been touched and tasted," he said, referring to the craft's instruments.

NASA yesterday also extended the mission of the Phoenix Mars Lander by five weeks, saying its work was moving beyond the search for water to exploring whether the red planet was ever capable of sustaining life.

"We are extending the mission through September 30," Michael Meyer, chief scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program, told a televised news conference. REUTERS

News in brief

SCIENCE The first object to brighten the dark, primordial universe after the Big Bang was the tiny seed of a star that rapidly grew into a behemoth 100 times more massive than the sun, scientists said yesterday. This first generation of stars apparently lived hard and died quickly, researchers said.

ISRAEL Israel's right-wing Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu called yesterday for an early election to replace Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, whose pledge to resign has deepened uncertainty over Middle East peacemaking talks with the Palestinians and Syria. REUTERS

Finland **Cracking down on Roma**

REUTERS/BOB STRONG

A woman begs for money on a street corner in Helsinki. Finland is cracking down on Roma, or gypsies, who beg with their children, threatening to send mothers and children back to their country of origin or to take the children into foster care. The aim, authorities say, is to protect the children.

Gore set to star at convention

AMERICA Al Gore, long mocked as an exaggerating bore, seems certain to land a lead role at the Democratic National Convention as a recognized defender of the Earth.

"A lot of us still feel he was cheated." Sen. Tom Harkin

"He'll receive a tremendous reception," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, a convention delegate.

"A lot of us still feel he was cheated" in the 2000 vote, Harkin said. "If he'd been president, we wouldn't have had these (Bush administration) messes the past eight years." REUTERS

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Goldcorp to buy Gold Eagle
Goldcorp has agreed to buy fellow Canadian gold miner Gold Eagle Mines for about $1.5 billion to pick up the Bruce Channel gold discovery, an exploration project adjacent to Goldcorp's flagship Red Lake operation. REUTERS

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U.K. firm names polluters

OILSANDS Syncrude Canada emits the most greenhouse-gas emissions per barrel of oil it produces, according to a study by U.K.-based Trucost that ranked eight major oil sands operations for their "carbon risk."

The least carbon-intensive project in Alberta is the Muskeg River Mine, which emits one-tenth the emissions. Differences in carbon-intensity will reflect profitability once carbon pricing is introduced. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bank State takeover likely

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A woman walks past a branch of Banco de Venezuela in Caracas yesterday. Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said he will nationalize the unit of Spain's Grupo Santander bank, expanding his drive for state control of key sectors of the economy.

Business in brief

COTT A big slump in North American demand for soft drinks contributed to a second-quarter loss at Cott Corp. and raised questions about its ability to meet earnings growth targets. Cott said the volume of drinks it sold fell 11 per cent on tougher competition.

ENERGY Imperial Oil Ltd.'s profit surged 61 per cent to a company record in the second quarter as sky-high oil and gas prices more than made up for lower output, Canada's No. 2 oil producer and refiner, and owner of Esso gas stations, said yesterday. REUTERS

Philip Morris buys Rothmans

Philip Morris International said yesterday it agreed to acquire Rothmans for about $2 billion in a deal that would give it total control of Canada's No. 2 cigarette maker.

The deal offers $30 a share for Rothmans, whose sole holding is a 60 per cent stake in cigarette maker Rothmans Benson & Hedges (RBH). Philip Morris already owned 40 per cent of the cigarette maker.

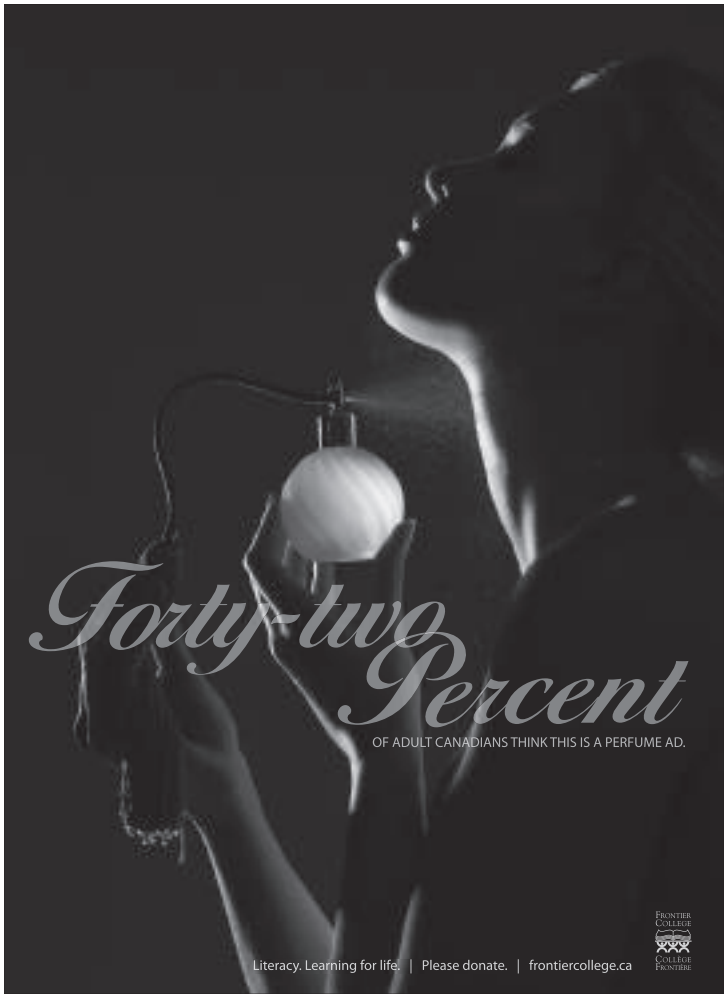
Philip Morris's offer represents almost a 17 per cent premium over Rothmans' 20-day average trading price through July 30.

"Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium and PMI consolidates its presence in a market that we deem financially attractive and of strategic importance going forward," Philip Morris Chairman and Chief Executive Louis Camilleri said.

"Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium..."
Louis Camilleri

Rothmans and RBH said they had paid a $100 million fine and agreed to pay $450 million more over the next 10 years to settle a case after pleading guilty to helping smugglers.

RBH processes leaf tobacco at plants in Brampton, Ont., and Quebec City, Que. REUTERS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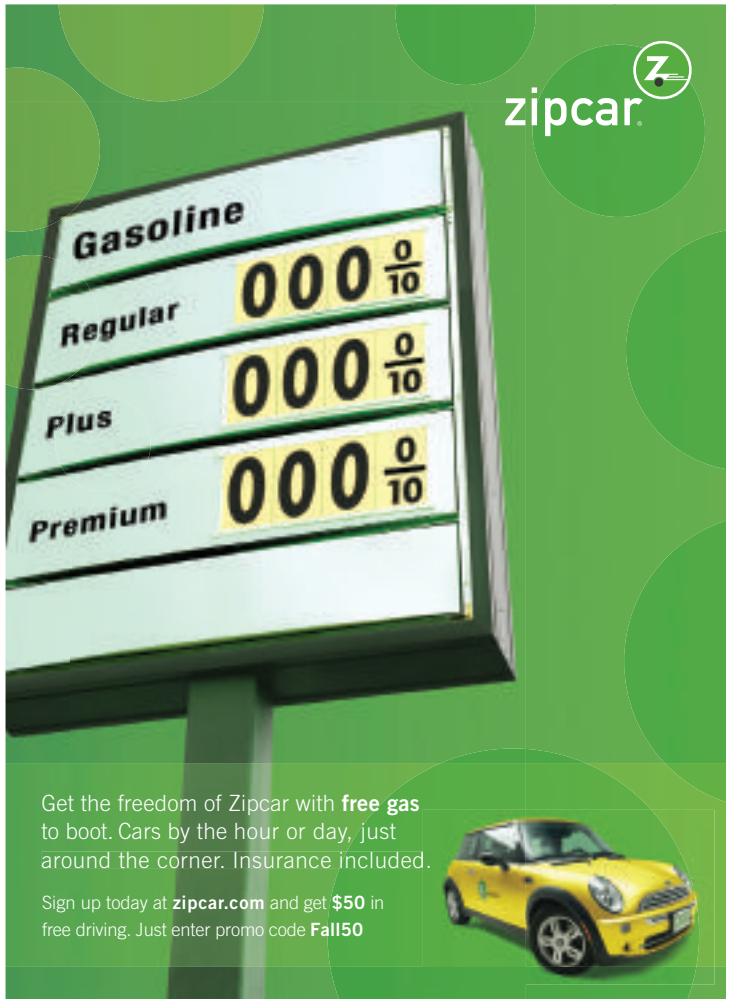
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Bowman to join Blackhawks front office

The Chicago Blackhawks named Scotty Bowman as the team's senior advisor of hockey operations yesterday. The NHL's all-time winningest coach, Bowman has spent the past six seasons working as a consultant with the Detroit Red Wings. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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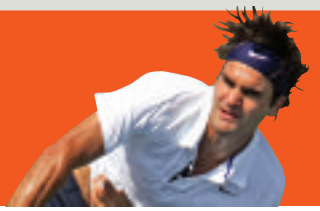

Federer upset, Nadal eyes No. 1

Roger Federer's, left, record 4½ year reign as world No. 1 could end this week after he was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 by Croatian Ivo Karlovic in the third round of the Cincinnati Masters yesterday. Spaniard Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in this year's French Open and Wimbledon finals, will take over from the Swiss as the world's top ranked player if he wins the tournament on Sunday.

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Pettersen a real CFL legend

YorkReport

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It was 1979 when I first met Leif Pettersen. I was a rookie CFL reporter with The Globe and Mail. He was a lanky receiver with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

After a tough loss on a frigid afternoon, I sat down beside him in the Ticats' locker room to pick his brain. He was chain smoking. He must have gone through 10 cigarettes in 10 minutes as he dissected the game. I was on deadline, but he wouldn't let me leave until he was done.

And I realized then that the man could analyze football. He was a natural for the broadcast booth, with movie-star looks, a reasonable command of the English language and a high-pitched voice that enabled him to hammer home his main points with verbal exclamation marks.

So up to the booth he eventually went. And, at the beginning of what turned out to be an illustrious 18-year broadcasting career (10 more years than he played), Pettersen was teamed with the legendary, late Pat Marsden. Pat took Leif under his wing and made his transition even easier. Somehow, I can see Pat welcoming Leif again today, as the two reunite.

Pettersen died this week at only 57, the victim of an apparent heart attack. What a shocker. He appeared to be in very good shape, was a successful businessman and was never short of friends.

One of his closest was Keith Pelley, his former boss at TSN. Pettersen was the best man at Pelley's wedding. When Pelley became the president of the Toronto Argonauts, he hired Pettersen as a club ambassador and persuaded him to speak to business groups in a bid to sell season tickets. When Pelley quit the Argos last year to become chief of the CTV-Rogers Olympic Consortium, he recommended that Pettersen replace him, sources said, but the Argos' owners chose Michael Clemons instead.

> **"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know,"**
> Keith Pelley
> Ex-Argos President

"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know," Pelley told me when I worked with him and Pettersen on TSN's CFL telecasts last decade. "You ought to try to be more like him. It'd help you."

Well, I couldn't be like Pettersen, even if I tried. Few could. He was too cool. And yet he was also feisty.

He didn't end up liking me very much, either, but I sure got a kick out of him and his style. Even when he challenged me — on the air during live broadcasts — to identify sources I simply couldn't. Even when he challenged me to a post-show brawl outside the studio. (Yes, he really did that.)

Here's hoping he's at peace now.

For more CFL stuff, incidentally, check out my latest CFL Report, only at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Steve Tambellini, who served as the Vancouver Canucks vice-president and assistant general manager, is headed to Edmonton.

Tambellini named as new Oilers GM

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NHL After 17 years searching for hockey's ultimate prize with the Vancouver Canucks, Steve Tambellini crossed the Rockies yesterday in hopes of striking it rich in oil country.

The 50-year-old from Trail, B.C. was named general manager of the Edmonton Oilers yesterday, replacing Kevin Lowe, who becomes the team's president.

"I was not going to move just to (become general manager)," said Tambellini, who served as the Canucks' vice-president and assistant general manager for the past three seasons.

"I had promised myself and my family that when I did move to that position it was going to be the right one. And this is the right one."

Tambellini and Lowe worked together as members of Team Canada's management team that won gold at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Lowe said Tambellini was the strongest candidate at the executive level who wasn't a general manager.

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Bay to join Red Sox, Ramirez off to Dodgers in 3-team deal

MLB Slugger Manny Ramirez got his wish yesterday, finally freeing himself of the Boston Red Sox, as he was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a three-way deal.

Jason Bay

Pittsburgh outfielder Jason Bay, of Trail, B.C., will head to Boston as part of the trade, while the Pirates received hard-throwing relief pitcher Craig Hansen and outfielder Brandon Moss from Boston, as well as third baseman Andy LaRoche and pitcher Bryan Morris from the Dodgers.

There was another major trade yesterday. The White Sox acquired outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. and cash considerations from Cincinnati in exchange for pitcher Nick Masset and second baseman Danny Richar.

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Sports in brief

TENNIS World No. 1 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia was upset by Austria's Tamira Paszek 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 at the Rogers Cup yesterday. Canadian Stephanie Dubois lost to No. 2 seed Jelena Jankovic in straight sets.

NHL The Ottawa Senators have re-signed forward Antoine Vermette to a multi-year agreement, the team announced yesterday. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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CFL Eskimos surge past Lions 35-24

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B.C. Lions' quarterback Jarious Jackson and his teammates couldn't hold off a second-half comeback by the Edmonton Eskimos last night. The Esks defeated the Lions 35-24.

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Salem-Keizer 2 VANCOUVER 0
TODAY'S GAME
Salem-Keizer at VANCOUVER, 1:05

Team Iraq
Four Iraqi athletes will go to the Beijing Games, organizers said yesterday, up from an initial two. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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Crackdown on chit-chat

City government gives residents advice on what to say to tourists

Don't ask a tourist's age or wage, steer clear of sex and avoid religion: What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitorss.

Posters displayed on bulletin boards in the neighbourhood that includes tourist magnet the Forbidden City, and which will host Olympics boxing events, counsel locals against a wide range of potentially awkward conversation topics with foreigners.

The list of "eight don't asks" was issued by the Dongcheng district Propaganda Department as a guide for locals about how to show proper hospitality, a department spokesman said.

"Don't ask about income or expenses, don't ask about age, don't ask about love life or marriage, don't ask about health, don't ask about someone's home or address, don't ask about personal experience, don't ask about religious beliefs or political views, don't ask what someone does," the Olympics logo stamped poster advises.

Several etiquette guidelines have already been issued in the run-up to the Games, as China prepares to put its best foot forward with a faultless event.

CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Volunteers participate in etiquette training for the award ceremonies at the Olympic Games.

The government has campaigned to curb queue-jumping, spitting, littering and even speaking loudly in public, fearful such behaviour could mar Beijing's image.

While some said the guidelines may make people feel nervous about chatting with the 500,000 overseas visitors expected in Beijing for the Aug. 8-24 Games, others questioned the need for them in lively discussions on the Internet.

"Other than the weather what else are you supposed to talk about?" asked one blogger on the New York Craiglist website.

"Are there also eight 'don't tell's'?" asked another on the popular Shanghai blog, Shanghaiist (shanghaiist.com.)

> **"Other than the weather, what else are you supposed to talk about?"**

"While 'Eight Don't Asks' is a general practice in the States ... I don't understand why Chinese living in China should follow this rather western guideline," wrote "LC" on another English-language site.

Others online defended the list as a way to bridge cultural gaps and avoid confused reactions from visitors to questions some might find too intrusive. REUTERS

Sharapova pulls out of Games

TENNIS World number three Maria Sharapova pulled out of the Beijing Olympics yesterday after an MRI scan on her right shoulder revealed two small tears.

"I'm currently packing up really quick to hop on the plane and head to New York for a second opinion but I wanted to let all of you know first that there's no chance of me competing in Beijing," Sharapova said.

Better technology to help with tests

DOPING Improved technologies for catching athletes who use the banned substance human growth hormone are reliable and will not lead to false positive tests, a top Olympic official said yesterday.

An earlier test for HGH was introduced by the World Anti-Doping Agency in 2004, but production was halted two years later. REUTERS

Tuesday's lineup

MEDAL HOPEFULS In the final days before the Games, Metro will profile four of Canada's top medal hopefuls. Read Metro on Tuesday for more.

6 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

TV station airs footage of ceremony

Organizers became involved in a spat over a South Korean television station's broadcast of a dress rehearsal for the Olympics opening ceremony, traditionally kept under wraps.

But the network said yesterday it had taken the footage legitimately.

The broadcast is certain to irk Games organizers who had made performers sign confidentiality agreements not to divulge details of the Aug. 8 ceremony, directed by Oscar-nominated director Zhang Yimou.

"We went, and nobody stopped us. So we just shot," a staff reporter at the private SBS network sports desk said in Seoul.

The network, one of three official rights holders for the Games from South Korea, aired just over a minute of video of next week's ceremony rehearsal.

SBS did not show the lighting of the Olympic torch at the National Stadium where the rehearsal was taking place, but it reported that a golden phoenix was expected to swoop down into the stadium, dubbed the Bird's Nest, for the climactic event. REUTERS

CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Performers wait their turn outside the National Stadium during a dress rehearsal for the opening ceremony.

Censorship scandal continues in China

The media should have been told they would not have total Internet freedom before arriving for the Beijing Olympics, a senior IOC official said yesterday, as rights groups piled criticism on both the IOC and host China.

As the row over censorship continued, International Olympic Committee press chief Kevan Gosper said both he and the international media had been taken by surprise that some politically sensitive websites had been blocked.

"It's learning of it at almost the last minute that I think is destabilizing the international media and certainly embarrassing for me, as up 'til 48 hours ago I was insisting it would be free and uncensored Internet access," Gosper said.

> **"I think they could have done better."**
> Kevan Gosper

Gosper said the local organizers BOCOG's failure to inform media beforehand that this would not happen was not good enough.

"We've noticed that the words being used by BOCOG have changed in recent months from 'uncensored' to what is more like 'convenient and timely,' or 'convenient and available.' These are quite different words," he added.

"Nevertheless, no one has come out publicly and said on behalf of BOCOG or the IOC, 'Sorry, but there are certain Internet websites which are blocked,'" Gosper said. "I think they could have done better."

Amnesty International, whose website is among those barred in China, condemned Internet restrictions during the Games as "betraying the Olympic values."

Czech ex-president Vaclav Havel and Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu and other campaigners urged athletes to speak up on human rights in China during the Beijing Games.

"We are concerned that the Beijing Olympics might simply become a giant spectacle to distract the attention of the international public from the violations of human and civil rights in China," stated the letter signed by 17 politicians and rights activists and issued in Prague. REUTERS

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Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu was among those urging athletes to speak up on human rights in China.

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DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

ARTICHOKE AND PEPPER PARM DIP

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INGREDIENTS: 1 cup ***MIRACLE WHIP*** Dressing + 1 pkg. (250 g) PHILADELPHIA Brick Cream Cheese, softened + 1/3 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 1 red pepper, chopped + 2 green onions, chopped

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX cream cheese and dressing. 2) ADD remaining ingredients. 3) REFRIGERATE. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

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DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

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Style

"Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons."

- Fashion Columnist Kim Elbo

Best dressed

The Vanity Fair 2008 best-dressed list came out this week, and there's not one Canuck in the bunch. Gracing the cover and list is former model and current French first lady Carla Bruni Sarkozy, left. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Be a bit rebellious with white

Style File

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ask kim

My eyeliner and mascara always smudges by the end of the day. Can you recommend good products that won't smudge?

I swear by KissMe mascara. I use it almost everyday and it has never smudged on me once. An eyeliner for you to try out is the K-Palette eyeliner, it acts as a 24-hour tattoo so there's a gurantee that it won't smudge. Both are available online at sephora.com and beautymark.ca for $30 to $35.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

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Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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Metallic Detail
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Shop: Blue Ruby
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white summer styles

If you're one to follow the rule of "wear no white after Labour Day," then you've got exactly 31 days left. On the other hand, if you like to stand out and be a bit rebellious then here are a couple of items you can mix in and layer with well after Labour Day. Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons. If you're looking for a casual dress the Gap dress is perfect, wear with gladiator sandals for the summer then with opaque tights for fall. The Jacob jacket is a great lightweight jacket perfect for cool summer evenings or for building to building walks this fall semester.

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Critics slam N.Y. fashion series

TV Their wardrobes are full of designer clothes, they drink cocktails at New York City's coolest bars, dabble in drugs, have sex in places like the back of a limousine — all while still in high school.

Hit U.S. television show Gossip Girl, which follows the lives of students at an elite Manhattan private school, has been likened by critics to Sex and the City for teenagers, with salacious story lines and trend-setting fashion.

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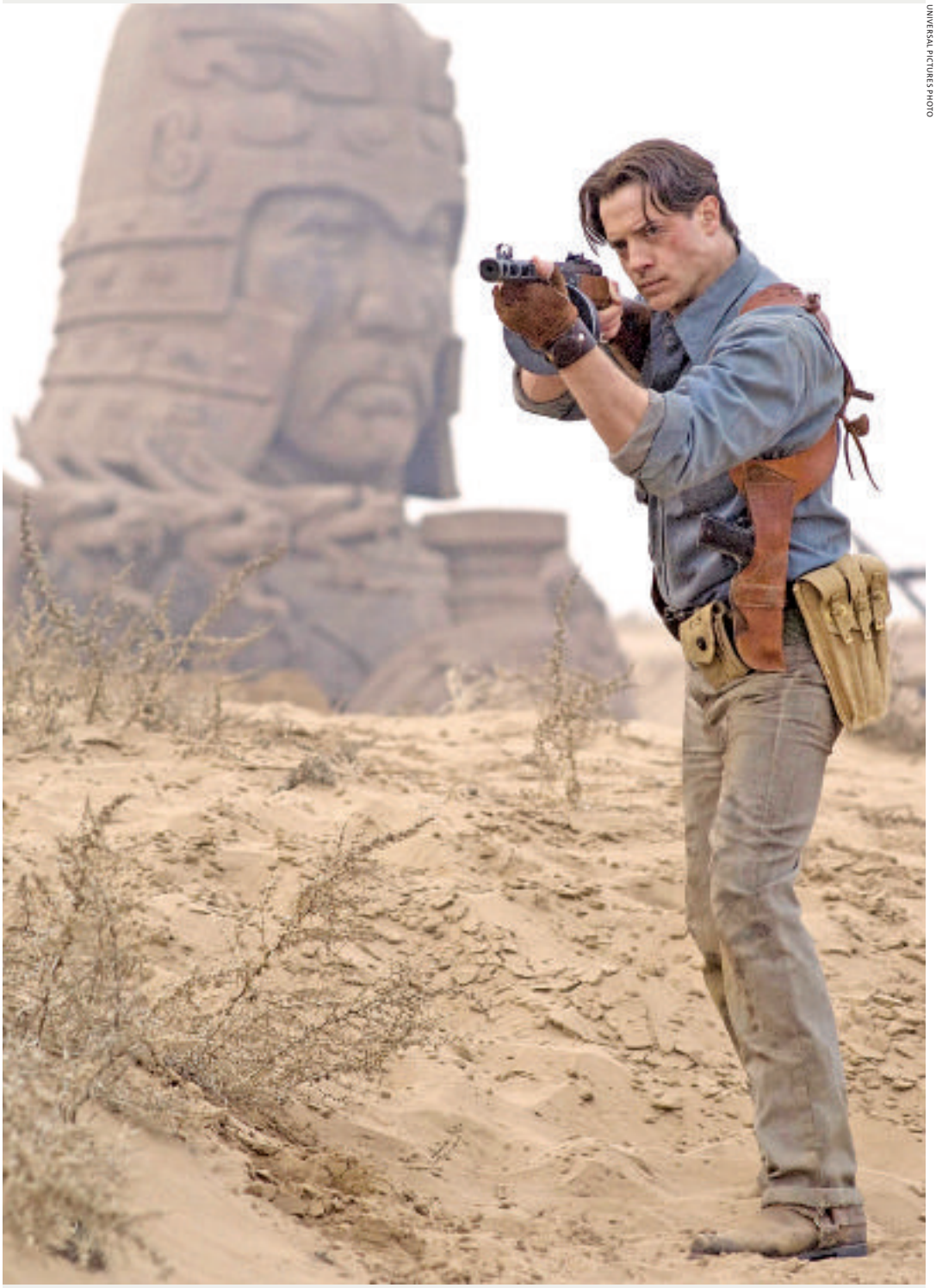

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Brendan Fraser returns as explorer Rick O'Connell for an all-new adventure in The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. Our reviewer says the movie is about as exciting as an old bag of bones.

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Take a hike on the North Shore Mountains.

Super Dave Fact
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Hit the trails on foot

Hiking is one of the best types of outdoor exercise

WestCoast**Outdoors**

On any sunny weekend outdoor enthusiasts flock to the North Shore Mountains to escape into the backcountry for a few hours. They bring someone special, their kids, and their pets to enjoy the experience and get fit. Here is how you can get out and enjoy the forest trails.

Hiking is one of the best forms of exercise you can do for your body. It will help build strength and stamina while keeping things easy on your joints and as you get fitter you can tackle harder trails.

Proper footwear and clothing is key for efficient hiking. Choose a shoe or boot that provides you with stability, comfort and has a grippy sole for all trail conditions. Clothing should be lightweight, breathable and always carry extra in case of that surprise afternoon storm shower.

DAVE NARONA/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Dave Norona hikes one of the many trails found on the North Shore Mountains.

There are a ton of hiking trails throughout the Lower Mainland and it is always best to start out on easy trails that are not too far off the beaten path. This will allow you to ease into the sport and exit quickly if you have a problem. As your fitness and experience improves then you can seek out and tackle harder trails.

Remember there are no aid stations, restaurants or shops out in the backcountry so be sure to always carry the essential safety gear in case you get lost or injured. This way you can stay safe until someone comes to your rescue. Visit adventuresmart.ca to find out what to carry and make your hiking experience a good one.

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Fri. 11:45 p.m. iProv. At The New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: $10.50. Info: *vtsl.com*.

Sat. 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Back Kitchen Release Party, At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: $31-41. Info: *artsclub.com*.

comedy

Fri. 8 p.m. Grammy-nominated American comedian Lisa Lampanelli performs live. At River Rock Show Theatre, 8811 River Rd. Tix: $39.50-49.50. Info: *riverrock.com*

concerts

Fri. 8 p.m. Nebraskan dance-punk band The Faint performs live. At Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: $25.50. Info: *livenation.com*.

Fri. 8 p.m. Dutch cellist, viol player and conductor performs live. At UBC Recital Hall, 6361 Memorial Rd. Tix: $27-30. Info: *earlymusic.bc.ca*.

Fri.- Sat. 9:30 p.m. Vancouver retro blues band Les-Is-More plays vintage roots, pop, swing, jump and rhythm. At Lulu's Lounge, 8811 River Rd. Tix: free. Info: *riverrock.com*.

Sat. 8 p.m. . Award-winning fiddler Natalie MacMaster. At River Rock Show Theatre, 8811 River Rd. Tix: $39.50-49.50. Info: *riverrock.com*.

Sun. 9 p.m. American rapper Fat Joe performs live. At Plush Nightclub, 750 Pacific Blvd. Tix: $40. Info: 604-669-8980.

Sun. 10 p.m. Canadian R&B Singer Ivana Santilli performs live. At Shine Nightclub, 364 Water St. Tix: $10. Info: *shinenightclub.com*.

clubs

Fri. 9 p.m. DJs Jamie Richards, Bahram, Betti Forde and Rhiannon perform soul, funk and house. At Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. Tix: $26. Info: *canvaslounge.ca*.

Fri. 9:30 p.m. DJ Black Ace, Wax and MC Griff performing hip hop, R&B and reggae. At Fabric Nightclub, 66 Water St. Tix: $15/20. Info: *fabricvancouver.com*.

Fri. 10 p.m. DJs Meesh and Johnny Omega play house, remixes and dance floor classics. At Bar None, 1222 Hamilton St. Tix: $15. Info: *donnellynightclub.com/?barnone*.

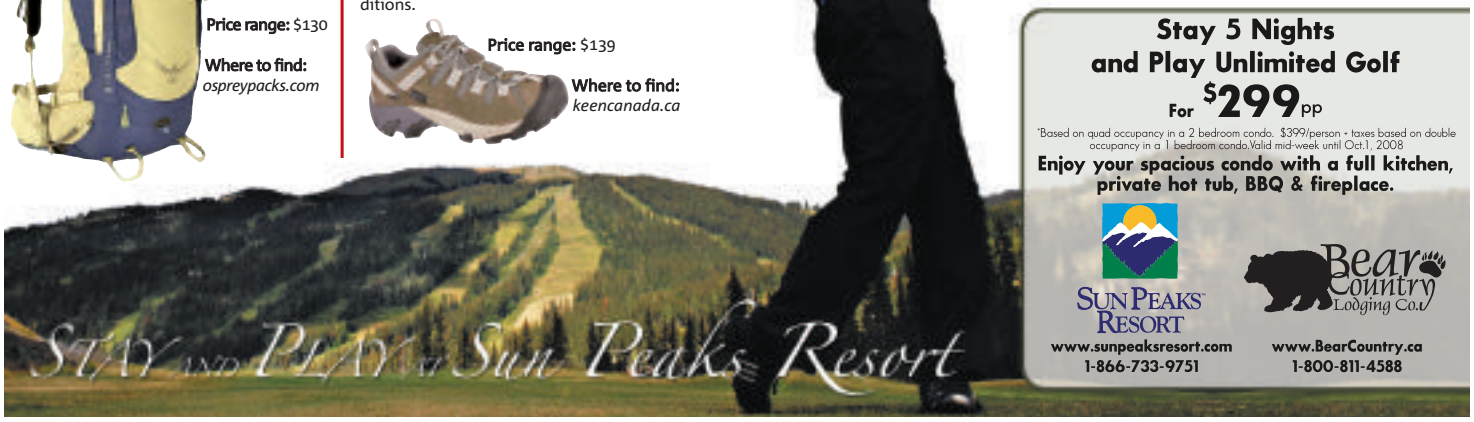
Fri. 7 p.m. Vancouver Pride Society outdoor dance party Koodo's Big Night Out. At Davie Street between Burrard and Bute. Tix: $5. Info: *spm@donnellyevents.com*.

Sat. 8 p.m. American DJ King Britt play deep house. At Ginger 62 Cocktail Den and Kitchen, 1219 Granville St. Tix: $15. Info: *ginger62.com*.

Sat. 8:30 p.m. DJs Elmo Super Sounds, Bradley and Shortman spin Caribbean, Latin, old school and Top 40. At the Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr. Tix: $15. Info: *meloproductions.net/tropicalJamDownAug2008.htm*.

Sat. 9 p.m. DJs Leanne, Marz, Kate Mathews and Jial 14 perform sexy, house and Top 40. At Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. Tix: $20/35. Info: *canvaslounge.ca*.

Sun. 9 p.m. DJ Peter Rauhoffer spins progressive, tribal and house. At Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: $60. Info: *livenation.com*.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Music

The Pack A.D. mash sounds

Garage rock band rounds out arrangements on latest disc, Funeral Mixtape

OnTheBeat

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Vancouver-based garage-blues duo The Pack A.D. are soaking up the Alabama heat.

The pair share a love of Civil War-era history, and between shows visited the battlefields of Chickamauga and Petersburg. The region acts as a foil to another favourite area: Alaska's abandoned gold mines and saloons.

These settings definitely fit The Pack's snarling instrumentals and singer-guitarist Becky Black's whiskey-soul vocals. Pinned with comparisons to a Janis Joplin-fronted Black Keys, the pair describe their tunes as wedged between north and south, blues and rock.

"The blues is the basis for everything, and it's probably the easiest music to jam out to. It could be intimidating to play, but not for us, since we lean more on the rock side," said Maya Miller. "We're located between the extremes in the blues and between the north and south. We're comfortable — it's a great place for Becky's vocals to go."

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The Pack A.D. play the 18th annual Under The Volcano Festival on Aug. 10 with Tegan & Sara, Headwater and others. Visit volcano.resist.ca for more information or catch the CD Release Party for Funeral Mixtape at Richard's on Richards on Aug. 16.

Creative conflict seems like it would be an apt description of the duo's process, but Miller said they work through consensus. Their new disc, Funeral Mixtape, features three songs written together, with the remainder split 50-50. Each approaches writing differently, with Miller jotting down lyrics in a notebook while Black belts them out during practice. Shows involve a few chilled-out hours spent in the bar preceding an intense 45-minute session.

"I think … (one) reason why duos are so loud and thrashy is they kind of subconsciously fill in for what some people might perceive as being missing," said Miller. "I don't think it's an issue with us: Becky's riffs incorporate both rhythm and lead, and I set my drums really low and bassy so we don't miss anything."

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Maya Miller

Fans of the duo's debut Tintype will notice they dropped the slower songs and the piano — a shift Miller said came after playing live. Frustrating touring experiences like trooping through the London Tube en route to a gig, gear in hand and English breakfast sitting heavy, influenced songs that balance aggression and calm. On Funeral Mixtape the band rounded out their arrangements to hook hard-partying audiences.

"We're always playing late, and everyone's drunk, and the last thing they want to hear is a slow song," said Miller. "We'd be playing at a show, and they'd all leave to get a drink."

Billy Talent takes on MS, plots new recording

SoundCheck

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Billy Talent drummer Aaron Solowoniuk is in a good place. The band, fresh from celebrating its 15th anniversary, has just returned from a invigorating 2 ½ week swing through Germany, Finland, Norway, Russia and Poland that has left everyone in the group feeling great.

"We had sold 400 albums in all of Poland, yet 800 people came to see our show. Maybe it had something to do with my last name," he says with a quiet smile.

After selling more than 600,000 copies of their first two albums, Billy Talent has earned the right to take some time recording their next CD. At this moment, though, demos are being assembled, producers are being considered, studios are being scouted and the group is in the process of finding a building to serve as the new BT HQ. And while that third record won't be ready until next spring, Aaron let it slip that fans will be rewarded with a new song called Turn Your Back in the fall.

Then there's F.U.M.S., Billy Talent's crusade against multiple sclerosis, a disease that's on Aaron's mind every day because he's had to live with it himself for more than a decade. Thanks to three weekly injections of a hideously expensive drug, Aaron's MS is under control.

Aaron realizes he's blessedly lucky, which is why he and the band are behind the MS Society of Canada's Scholarship Program. It provides post-secondary education support to young adults 25 and under with MS or those who have a parent living with the disease.

"My goal for this program," he says, "is for young people to have the opportunity to follow their dreams, regardless of the presence of MS in their lives."

Next Friday's Second Annual F.U.M.S. Open in Ontario, organized by Aaron's brother and sister-in-law, will see more than 100 golfers — including some of BT's musician friends — is expected to raise at least $25,000.

This year, 80 scholarships valued at nearly $80,000 are being distributed to students across the country. In a few weeks, some of the essays written by scholarship winners will be posted at mssociety.ca/scholarship.com You can also make a donation at the site.

"These kids write things that bring tears to my eyes," says Aaron. "To be able to help them is amazing. I want to keep this up until there's a cure."

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Caution: 'Mummy on the loose!'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
Director: Rob Cohen
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello, Jet Li
Classification: PG
Rating:

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor features some crazy visual effects.

REVIEW For someone who keeps saying he "really hates mummies," Brendan Fraser sure keeps coming back to them a lot. If he just listened to his character's own empty rantings of detest, maybe he (and we) would've been much better off.

In this third offering of the successful franchise, adventurer Rick O'Connell returns to action taking his wife (Maria Bello sporting a spotty British accent) to China to deliver a legendary diamond.

There, he learns his son (Luke Ford) dug up the tomb of evil Emperor Han (Jet Li) and … well, to spare you the contrived plot details, just assume that blood is spilt, the Emperor awakens and as Rick O'Connell exclaims, "There's a mummy on the loose!"

Now, nobody should expect perfection out of this type of popcorn movie, but at least give us a reasonable story and a shred of intelligent dialogue.

Here, lines are so baseless, expository and unfunny that when a yak yaks on one character, he declares "the yak yakked." Wasn't that a throwaway line from Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy?

Sure, there are plenty of crazy visual effects of warriors, a dragon and even yetis (what, no mid-20th century goblins?) but they only serve to mildly distract from a tedious, laboured storyline.

At Comic-Con in San Diego recently, Fraser described this film as a "love story."

Well, this is as much a love story as There Will Be Blood is a meditation on dairy products.

And basically, that's why this movie stinks — a clear lack of focus, direction and yes, even "love" leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000-year-old bag of bones.

Swing, and a miss: Swing Vote a disappointment

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Swing vote
Director: Joshua Michael Stern
Stars: Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. presidential election — is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day.

Swing Vote feels very much like a vanity project, but unlike The Postman or Open Range, Costner didn't write or direct (he did produce).

However, like The Postman and Open Range, the film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

It's a bad sign when beer-swilling layabout Bud, coerced to cast his vote by his implausibly precocious 10-year old daughter (poised newcomer Madeline Carroll) gets cold-cocked by an overhanging "remember to vote" sign: nothing like literally being smacked by a metaphor (for him, or for us).

Kevin Costner

Things actually get worse from there, as undecided voter Bud becomes an overnight celebrity and courted by incumbent president Kelsey Grammer and Democratic challenger Dennis Hopper.

The candidates are wittily cast (arch-Republican Sideshow Bob vs. The Easy Rider himself) but the roles are so bland that the joke gets muffled; the satirical jibes at their mutual willingness to flip-flop ideologies on Bud's whims are similarly toothless.

Bud's eventual political awakening (once again dully literalized by having his daughter forcibly rouse him out of bed at regular intervals) is so perfunctory that it's insulting.

After one montage of diligent study with his daughter (and, of course, a sexy TV newswoman), he emerges as an expert on the issues and leads a presidential debate (complete with standard-issue halting Costner monologue).

At which point, director Joshua Michael Stern hurriedly cuts away from the discussion. After all, we can't have any actual politics in our political comedy, can we?

Monsanto World a terrifying place

JIM REYNO
for Metro Canada

The World According to Monsanto
Documentary: Marie-Monique Robin
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW "They are in the process of owning food. All food." That's Troy Roush talking about Monsanto, the U.S.-based chemical company trying to corner the worldwide market on what we eat by using biotechnology and genetically modified crops. Roush is one of many farmers featured in this sobering documentary who have been steamrolled by Monsanto.

The World According to Monsanto comes off as part Roger & Me, part Grapes of Wrath. French filmmaker Robin travels the globe interviewing scientists, politicians and farmers affected by Monsanto. Her research is beyond thorough, and the reach of her doc is staggering — almost as staggering as the reach of Monsanto itself.

The implications here are terrifying, and Robin doesn't leave much room for optimism. She reveals so much information and conducts so much interviews, it overwhelms at times. And the 109 minutes run a bit long. The impact of the film would have been just as effective with more editing.

But it's an important work. To fully appreciate it, you need to pour yourself a coffee (organic), sit up and pay attention. You will be rewarded and enraged.

Sisterhood reunites

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Ask the four stars of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 about what it was like filming the sequel, and they immediately mention a moped accident — and whose fault it was.

"It was Amber's fault," America Ferrera insists.

"Right," Amber Tamblyn says. "It was my fault. But Blake hit the back of everybody."

"But she wouldn't have if you didn't stop," Ferrera responds. Within seconds, all four actresses are talking at once, showing off the very real bond they've developed.

"At the end of the day I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie. I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."
Blake Lively on the Hollywood lifestyle

Alexis Bledel returns alongside America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn and Blake Lively in the The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

The film, in theatres Aug. 6, reunites Ferrera, Tamblyn, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel, who first brought the characters from Ann Bashares' best-selling book series to life in 2005.

Part two crams the next three books in the series into one movie, but the bond between the main characters remains the heart of the film.

The four young actresses, all film and TV stars in their own rights, have stayed grounded despite the allure of the Young Hollywood culture.

"At the end of the day of work, I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie," says Lively. "I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Of course, it's hard to go too crazy when you have friends watching out for you. "If any of us dared to be ridiculous, we would get a lot of phone calls," Ferrera says.

Tamblyn agrees: "From each other, saying, 'What were you doing? You're grounded.'"

"What I love about this movie is that it gives young women an example of strong female relationships," Ferrera says.

She hopes to see more films portraying women "supporting each other instead of tearing each other down."

Now, about that moped accident. "It was very dramatic," Tamblyn explains. "Great for a first day of shooting." Ferrera agrees: But Tamblyn can't help getting a joke in. "It was good because I got to make fun of them on crutches," she says, smiling slyly.

"She would take our crutches, too," Lively says. And with that, they're off again, all four talking at once.

Just like real friends.

Who wears the pants?

- The titular trousers, which worked so much magic in the first film, take a back seat in the sequel. This time around, the focus is on the girls themselves and their individual journeys into adulthood. So why the shift away from the pants? "It doesn't matter at that point," says Bledel. "I think they've grown out of it."

While the pants may be fading away, the sisterhood remains strong.

Continent ventures into bewildering story

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Last Continent
Director: Jean Lemire
Stars: Jean Lemire
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Earlier this week, a huge 4-square kilometre chunk snapped off the largest remaining ice shelf in the Arctic. You can bet it's a fact not lost on biologist/filmmaker Jean Lemire. After all, Lemire took his small schooner and crew into the Antarctic for 430 days to study climate change, where they discovered more than just an ecosystem in turmoil.

The Last Continent, a new film documenting their expedition, is a moving, personal drama not only exposing the effects of climate change, but also the intense, emotional peril of being isolated from society for a year plus. As much as climate change is affecting geography at the pole, so too does it take its toll on the crew. While Lemire and company deal with rotting food, sheer isolation and the suspense of waiting for a pack ice that practically never forms, they too develop a beautiful, intimate changing relationship with the ecosystem and the wildlife that thrive upon it.

This film is less a lecture in climate crisis than a bewildering story of survival in a dangerous time.

The Last Continent chronicles an Arctic trip aboard a boat.

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‘A weed action movie’

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Seth Rogen’s influence for Pineapple Express came from ’80s action films like Lethal Weapon and Die Hard.

FEATURE To sum up Pineapple Express, Seth Rogen simply has to think back to what star producer Judd Apatow suggested he and writing partner Evan Goldberg tackle next after penning surprise hit Superbad: “A weed action movie.”

For those who are familiar with the Vancouver-born actor/writer, it’s not totally out of character.

“Me and Evan thought that could be rad,” Rogen admitted recently in Los Angeles.

“Basically, we started thinking if we could make a movie that was kind of a weed movie and an action movie and (had) a real friendship story to it, that would be our favorite movie ever.”

Hitting theatres next Friday, the comedy tells the tale of Dale (Rogen), a slothful process server who spins into weed-enhanced panic after witnessing a murder.

In desperation, Dale seeks refuge with his dope dealer Saul (James Franco), but the two unlikely companions are soon being chased by crooked cops, henchmen and a ridiculous mid-level dealer (Danny McBride).

Now, Rogen may have perfected the innocent, stoner type with his turn in last summer’s hit Knocked Up, but he insists Dale is a far cry from playing pot-smoker-turned-proud papa Ben Stone. “To me, the fact that a character smokes weed isn’t really what I hang my hat on necessarily. I mean, Arthur and James Bond aren’t the same because they both drink,” reasons Rogen. “To me, they’re very different guys.” Besides, both Rogen and Goldberg set out to make an action movie; not a romantic comedy a la Knocked Up.

Both were huge fans of ’80s action hits like Lethal Weapon, Die Hard and basically “anything with Brian Bosworth in it”. To make it authentic, Rogen knew they had to get physical and even take on a few stunts. “Ya, we hurt ourselves,” brags Rogen. “Franco cracked his face open; McBride cracked the back of his head open” — resulting in a concussion, thanks in part to Franco, who struck McBride with a water-filled bong.

“We’re all friends. It’s very bonding to beat the crap out of each other,” laughs Rogen.

“(This film was) very physical; you’re in somewhat homoerotic positions; lots of me on Danny’s back. I rode Danny’s back for two days.”

Chimes in McBride: “Sometimes it wasn’t even during the movie.” Look for a review of Pineapple Express on Wednesday.

Contrasting role at centre of Amal

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

Rupinder Nagra plays the title role in Amal.

FEATURE Amal, the hero of director Richie Mehta’s movie of the same name, is a unique mix. Rickshaw driver, mama’s boy. Reticent and placid, yet devoted and passionate. Part Forrest Gump, part Jesus Christ.

“I think that’s the best way to put it,” said Rupinder Nagra, who portrays Amal. “That’s what it is: He’s got all these saintly qualities, but yet he’s oblivious to it all.”

Amal drives a rickshaw in bustling New Delhi, India. In a world where everyone is trying to get an edge or a buck, Amal isn’t. As the story and the financial stakes escalate around him, Amal stays put.

“Here you’ve got a guy who’s a nice guy, which you don’t normally see on the screen,” said Nagra over coffee in Toronto. “Nice guys who aren’t corrupted and don’t have to go through redemption and all that stuff.

“But on top of that, he doesn’t do things because he wants anything in return. He doesn’t even realize how nice he is. To him, this is just the way you lead your life.”

Amal, an entry in last year’s Toronto International Film Festival, has won numerous awards on the festival circuit, prizes picked by both critics and fans.

But if Nagra had acted on his initial reading of the story, he wouldn’t have taken the role. It was the ending that got to him. “I read it, and I was really upset,” Nagra said about the short story (written by Shaun Mehta, the director’s brother) the film is based on. “I remember if took me half an hour to call Richie (Mehta) because it just blew me away. It made me look at myself, and how do I value success?

“When I realized that, I was like, ‘Oh my God — this is an amazing story.’”

But a tricky portrayal for Nagra. You might call it acting from within.

“Richie and I had lots of conversations about that,” said the Indian-born, Hamilton-raised actor. “It’s really about, OK — these are the emotions, but then reel them in, and keep them inside. I remember the first couple of days of shooting, it was a challenge because you want to react to something, or you could go over the top in terms of really, really holding it back in. “Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside.”

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Vancouver

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443
The Alps (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30
Australia: Land Beyond Time (STC) Sat 7:30
Dinosaurs Alive! (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Extra Large Shorts (STC) Fri-Thu 5
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri-Thu 11-3 Fri 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629
African Adventure 3D: Safari in the Okavango (STC) Fri-Thu 5-7
Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11-4-6-9
Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3
Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-8-10

DENMAN CINEMA
1737 Comox, 604-683-2201
Listings not available at press time.

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 7:10:10 Sat-Sun 3-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 7-10:10

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469
Before the Rains (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:30-9:40
Brideshead Revisited (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-9:50
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10
The Last Mistress (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:20-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:35
The Incredible Hulk (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:25
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Iron Man (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50
Kung Fu Panda (G) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:20-9:30
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-6:50-9:20
Young People F...ing (18A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:40

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
www.hollywoodtheatre.ca
The Hunting Party (STC) Fri 9:35 Sat-Sun 3:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 9:35
The Stone Angel (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12-3:15-6:30-9:50 No Passes Wed 3:15-6:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 12-3:15-6:30-9:50
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:20-9:40

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
www.cinematheque.bc.ca
Archangel (STC) Wed-Thu 7:30-9:10
A Colt is My Passport (STC) Sun 5:30
The Gangster VIP (STC) Fri 7:30 Sun 9:10
Glass Johnny: Looks Like a Beast (STC) Mon 9
Roughneck (STC) Sat 9:25 Sun 7:30
Velvet Hustler (STC) Fri 9:20 Sat 7:30
The Warped Ones (STC) Mon 7:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747
A Secret (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Mon 1:45-4-7-9:15 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:15

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311
Get Smart (PG) Wed 1
The Last Continent (G) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Mon 1:45-4-7-9:15 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:15

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
www.riotheatre.ca
Pineapple Express (18A) Wed-Thu 7-9:30
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Tue 7-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:20-11:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:45
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:20-9
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:10
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:35 No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:40-5:15-8-11
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:20-10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Tue 1:10-3:50-7:15-10:30
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7-9:50

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
www.cinemark.com
Brideshead Revisited (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4:05-7:20-10:05 Wed-Thu 1-4:05-10:05
Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (14A) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:40-7:45-10:30 Thu 1:45-4:40-10:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:30-10:15
My Winnipeg (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-3:40-5:40-7:50-9:50
Savage Grace (18A) Fri-Tue 7:35-9:55
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:10-10:20
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:55-9:40
Step Brothers (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2-3:15-4:30-5:45-7-8:15-9:30-10:40
Swing Vote (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10
The Wackness (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 12-1:55-2:30-4:20-5-7:05-9:35 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:20-7:05-9:35

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
www.vifc.org
Breakfast at Tiffany's (STC) Tue 7:30
The World According to Monsanto (G) Fri-Mon 7-9 Wed-Thu 7-9

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

North Shore

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762
The Dark Knight (14A) DTS Digital Fri-Tue 12:15-12:30-1-3:30-4-4:30-6:50-7:40-9-10:10 DTS Digital Wed-Thu 12:15-1-3:30-4:30-6:50-8-10:10
Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:20
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) DTS Digital Wed-Thu 1:10-4-7:05-9:50
Step Brothers (14A) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:45
WALL-E (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-7:15-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911
Brideshead Revisited (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:50-6:50-9:50 Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:30-7:20-10
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:10
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:30-7:20-10
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-7-9:40
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:40-9:30

Richmond

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 3:45-6:55-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:25-3:45-6:55-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:55-9:40
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (14A) No Passes Fri 3:55-7:05-9:55 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3:55-7:05-9:55 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:55-7:05-9:55
Step Brothers (14A) Fri 3:40-7:10-9:45 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:40-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 3:40-7:10-9:45
WALL-E (G) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Mon 12:35-4-7-9:35 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:35
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri 3:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:45-3:50-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:50-7:20-9:50

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280
Brideshead Revisited (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-7:05-10
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 11-11:30-12:45-2:30-3-4-6-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Tue 11:30-12:45-2:30-3-4-6-6:45-7:30-9:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:30-2:30-3-6-6:45-9:30-10:30
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:15-3:30-7:10:15 No Passes Wed 12:15-3:30-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:15-3:30-7:10:15
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:25-7:20-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:20-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:45-5:05-7:35-10:35
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:05-10:10
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:30-7:20-10
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-7-9:40
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:40-9:30

Burnaby

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332
The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sat 4-7 Sun 4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 7-9:55
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:30-4:10-7-7:40-10:30-11
Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:55-7:10-10:05
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Movie morsels

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The followup to Batman Begins takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film because Christopher Nolan creates a visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Hancock

REVIEW Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, his heart is in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Mamma Mia!

REVIEW The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Step Brothers

REVIEW Will Ferrell re-teams with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly to play a middle-aged slacker who must cope with his new 40-something step brother. Every bit immature equals, the siblings square off like tantrum-filled toddlers. It's a thin story, but part of the reason it works is because you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins.

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Lucas experiences Side Effects

Actor Josh Lucas has been signed to star in the new Tim Robbins series Possible Side Effects. The Showtime drama, which will be shot in New York, revolves around three brothers with a family-run pharmaceutical company. **EW.COM**

TV

'Maria' judge terminated

Simon Lee, a longtime associate of internationally renowned composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, has been fired as musical supervisor of the upcoming Toronto production of The Sound of Music.

News of the termination came just days after Lee, 46, was charged with forcible confinement and assault following a Sunday morning incident with a 24-year-old man at a Yorkville hotel.

A statement issued by London public relations firm Brown Lloyd Jameson on behalf of Lloyd Webber's The Really Useful Group Ltd., stated: "Simon is a very talented person who is extremely important to us. However, on this occasion we felt it was necessary to seek the termination of his engagement on The Sound of Music in Toronto. The alleged events are subject to legal proceedings and, therefore, we can't comment further." A British Broadcasting Corp. source described Lee as a "right-hand man" to Webber, the composer whose hits include Jesus Christ Superstar, Cats and The Phantom of the Opera.

A production of The Sound of Music is already running at the London Palladium, with Lee listed as musical supervisor. Lloyd Webber and David Ian are also co-producers of the Toronto version, along with theatre impresario David Mirvish.

Lee recently spent time in Toronto as a judge for the CBC reality show, How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?, aimed at choosing someone to play the coveted role of Maria in the Toronto production, which begins previews on Oct. 3.

Elicia MacKenzie, 23, of Vancouver was crowned the winner on Monday night.

Mirvish Productions spokesperson John Karastamatis said the decision to remove Lee will have no impact on the Toronto production.

"The show will go on," Karastamatis said, noting Lloyd Webber's company is responsible for assembling the "creative team" behind the show.

"The same team who did The Sound of Music in London is doing it here. It's the same creative team. (Ours) is a replica of the London production," he added.

Karastamatis said that Mirvish Productions played no role in the decision to fire Lee."We didn't even know who the musical supervisor was going to be," he said.

Lee is a renowned conductor who has worked in Toronto and Tokyo, and with such singing stars as José Carreras and Björk.

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HANDOUT

Simon Lee, one of the judges in CBC's "How do you Solve a Problem Like Maria?" reality TV show, is seen in this undated handout photo.

Love Hewitt's legal drama comes to end

LAWSUIT Jennifer Love Hewitt has exorcised her legal demons, E! News Online reports.

The actress' former management firm has dropped a lawsuit alleging she never turned over an agreed-upon 10-per-cent commission for helping her secure her starring role on Ghost Whisperer, according to a request for dismissal filed this week in Los Angeles Superior Court.

An attorney for Handprint Entertainment Inc. refused to comment on why her client opted to end the fight, saying the paperwork spoke for itself. The request was filed "with prejudice," meaning the plaintiff has agreed not to pursue the matter in the future. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jennifer Love Hewitt

Spike TV looking to find 1,000 more ways to die

EPISODES Spike TV wants to explore more Ways to Die.

The cable network has ordered 10 half-hour episodes of "1000 Ways to Die," a series that delves into bizarre ways people get themselves killed.

The series order follows the strong ratings for producer Thom Beers' two-part "1000 Ways" special, whose premiere in May drew 1 million viewers.

"Everyone is fascinated with death and wants to know how and why."
Sharron Levy

In tongue-in-cheek fashion, "1000 Ways," which launches in the fall, showcases outrageous true-life endings — like death from eating a jalapeno pepper — through re-enactments interlaced with dramatic witness testimonials, historical tidbits, scientific explanations and CGI effects.

"Everyone is fascinated with death and wants to know how and why," said Sharon Levy, Spike TV senior vp original series. "We got the tone of it immediately and felt it was a no-brainer for the channel."

Beers, who executive produces the series with Philip Segal, called "1000 Ways" one of his passion projects. "It's Darwinism meets 'CSI,' " he said.

"It's the science of stupid death." REUTERS

Willis kid is Miss Golden Globe

NOD Rumer Willis is to be Miss Golden Globe at the awards ceremony next year, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Rumer, the daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, was originally given the honour last November but the 65th Annual Golden Globes ceremony in January was cancelled due to the Hollywood writers' strike. The nod was confirmed yesterday.

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Perry to appear on Law & Order

Former Beverly Hills, 90210 star Luke Perry has signed on to join the cast of Law & Order: SVU after rejecting an offer to reprise his role in the hit TV series, imdb.com reports.

Perry's former castmates Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty have signed up to appear in the forthcoming spin-off series.

But the 41-year-old actor, who has enjoyed limited success since leaving the show in 1995, has instead signed on to appear in the criminal drama's season premiere.

return

- According to celebrity blog PerezHilton.com, Perry will couple with Bowen to play a father accused of abusing their foster child.

The hour-long special will also feature guest appearances by Roseanne star Sara Gilbert and Lost actress Julie Bowen.

Just last month, the actor explained his decision not to take part in the show. "I can't re-imagine it currently. It's just not something that I've thought about to be quite honest, I don't see it happening," Perry said.

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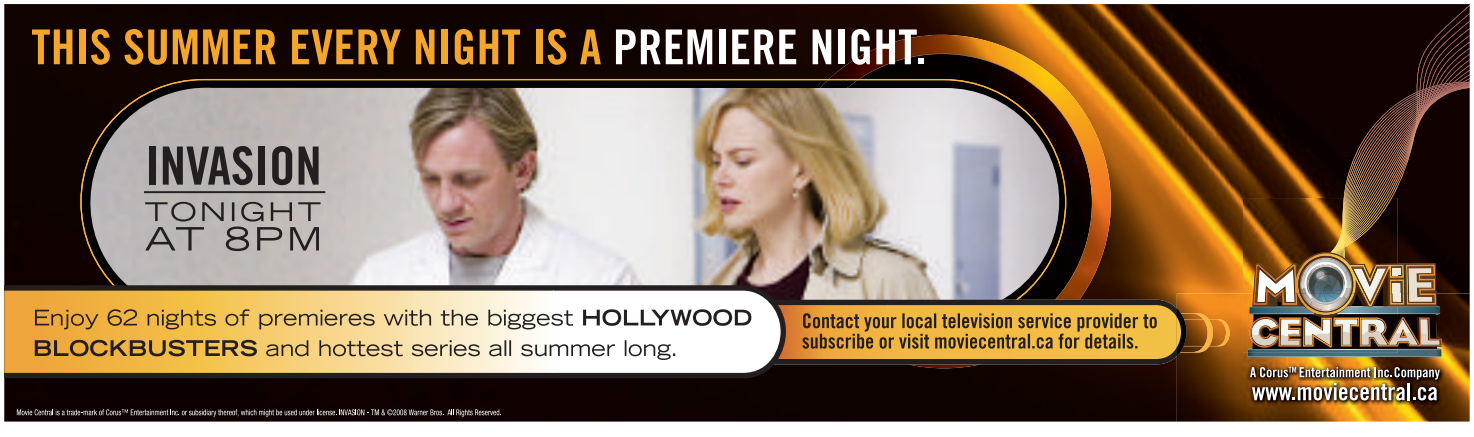
IntelleVision

Rick McGinnis ... will return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Rowling returns

A collection of fairytales penned by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is to be published to raise money for a children's charity. The Tales of Beedle the Bard will go on sale on Dec. 4, but fans can pre-order their copy now on Amazon.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

going out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Life With My Sister Madonna, by Christopher Ciccone and Wendy Leigh

She's one of the world's most popular entertainers, and amid rumours of marital strife comes a biography of Madonna by her younger brother, Christopher Ciccone. Readers have panned Ciccone as coming across in Life With My Sister Madonna as whiny and carrying a sense of entitlement, but fans of the pop star will no doubt devour the book, written with Wendy Leigh, for its details — who knew she was frugal?

2 Flats

Flats are stepping back into the spotlight for the fall/winter season, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Moccasins and structured loafers are forecast to kick heels aside for more sure-footed fashion.

3 18 to Life

A CBC-TV sitcom has been picked up by ABC. The show 18 to Life will star Stacey Farber of Degrassi: The Next Generation and Michael Seater of Life With Derek as 18-year-old newlyweds. CBC-TV says it's the first time a Canadian and U.S. network have teamed up for a half-hour prime-time comedy.

4 The Hills: The Complete Third Season

This DVD box set of the third season of the reality TV show The Hills, featuring the lives, loves and dramas of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag, Whitney Port and Audrina Partridge, hit stores on Tuesday. The package includes interviews, commentary, deleted scenes and more.

5 Disturbia, by Rihanna

In her new video for the song Disturbia, Rihanna lets fans discover her dark side. The video plunges viewers into a strange universe that would rival one populated by shock rocker Marilyn Manson.

6 Patrick Swayze

Kudos to actor Patrick Swayze for living life — he stepped out earlier this week to film the A&E series The Beast, his first acting gig since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. No illness puts Swayze in the corner.

7 Hollywood twin boom

Actress Angelina Jolie just delivered fraternal twins, now comes news actress Rebecca Romijn is expecting a duo this winter. Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez welcomed Max and Emme earlier this year, as well.

... and what's not:

Ring-a-ding

Shayne Lamas, former fiancée of The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, is keeping the 2.85-carat Tacori diamond-and-platinum engagement ring he gave her on the show's finale. Like Grant suggested, auction if off and give the proceeds to charity.

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/1/08	251	308	3 CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6 CH	E News	The Insider	Mysteries	Mysteries	Dr. 90210 (CC)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	eTalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Without a Trace (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		Friday Night Lights (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	Friends (CC)	Jeff Ltd.	Grand Star	Her Fatal Flaw (2006, Suspense) Victoria Pratt. (CC) (DVS)				News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Biography "Goldie Hawn"		Stargate SG-1 "Avatar"		The Collector (CC) (DVS)		Reviews
	-	-	14 CW	'70s Show	'70s Show	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		Swingtown (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	K5 News With Jean Enersen		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events ★★★				20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	The Fog ★★ (2005, Horror) Tom Welling. Premiere. (CC)				News (N)	IQ Weekly	Family Guy
primetime	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
news	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	WTA Tennis U.S. Open Series -- Rogers Cup -- Quarterfinals. From Montreal.					SportsCentre	Cagefighting Highlights		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	King of the Camp (2008) Justin Stadnyk, Luc Forgeron.				The Next Star "12 to 6"		Falcon Beach "Tidal" (CC)		15/Love
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III ★★ (1992)		
	268	354	5 KNO	Emily of New Moon (CC)		The Royal (CC)		Peking to Paris (CC)		Private Life of a Masterpiece		Moscow
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Dedicated (N)		Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed (CC)
	615	520	31 A&E	The Cleaner (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Darkroom" (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		The Cleaner
	521	560	34 TLC	Ashley Paige	Ashley Paige	Dress	Reception	What Not to Wear "Danielle"		Ashley Paige	Ashley Paige	What Not
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis "The End" (CC)		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Con Air ★★ (1997) (PA) Nicolas Cage.			Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) Air Force One ★★★ (1997) (PA) Harrison Ford. (CC)		
cable variety	603	561	55 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner	Glutton	Iron Chef America (CC)		Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) District 13 ★★★ (CC)		The Invasion ★★ (2007) Nicole Kidman. (CC)				(:45) Slither ★★★ (2006, Horror) Nathan Fillion. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	From G's to Gents (CC)		MTV Shuffle (CC)		Cribs Wildest Antics (CC)		From G's to Gents (CC)		4REAL (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/2/08	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Wimbledon ★★ (2004) Kirsten Dunst, Paul Bettany. (CC)				News (CC)	Drop Dead Gorgeous ★★	
	255	358	6 CH	E News	Be Real (CC)	The Last Trimester (2006, Suspense) Chandra West. (CC)				Inside Hollywood (CC)		Guy Stuff
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE Presents: Confessions of an Innocent Man				Flashpoint (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Andromeda "The Test" (CC)		Largo "Rest and Relaxation"		Andromeda (CC)		renegade	renegade	News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Eli Stone "Soul Free" (CC)		At the Movies
	253	359	13 CITY	Stargate Atlantis (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries "Power"		Lunch With Charles ★★ (2001) Sean Lau, Nicholas Lea. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: Miami "Shock" (CC)		King	King	Frasier (CC)	A. Scott-Hope	CSI: Miami "Rampage" (CC)		Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	Seafair Saturday Night		The Unit "Sub Conscious"		Flashpoint (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	The Office	The Office	Saturday Night's Main Event		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wipeout (CC)		Wipeout (CC)		Eli Stone (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Scrubs (CC)	MADtv (CC)
primetime	502	390	23 NW	The Girls of Summer (CC)		Sat. Report	Summer	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	The Girls of Summer (CC)		Sat. Report
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		World Combat League (CC)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		ATP Tennis: W&S Financial Group Masters				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar	Naruto (CC)	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Shadow
	555	545	50 TEL	Chaotic (CC)	Johnny Test	Chop Socky	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Painted in Blood" (CC)				Life Begins
	575	583	20 CMT	CMA Music Festival: Night		Grand Ole Opry Live		CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock (CC)				Dukes
	615	520	31 A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		American Justice: Nightmare		American Justice		The Sopranos
	521	560	34 TLC	Holmes on Homes		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces		Holmes on Homes		My First Home
	616	522	35 SHO	(6:00) Whispers and Lies (CC)		It's All Gone Pete Tong ★★ (2004, Comedy) Paul Kaye. (CC)				Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
cable variety	294	650	47 TBS	True Lies (PA)	(:40) Doom ★★ (2005) (PA) The Rock, Karl Urban. (CC)					(:40) Predator ★★ (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (CC)		
	603	561	55 FN	Top Chef "Tailgating" (CC)		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America (CC)		Top Chef "Tailgating" (CC)		Secret Life of
	320	621	60 CEN	Barnyard: Original Party		No Reservations ★★ (2007) Premiere. (CC)				(:45) The Queen ★★★ (2006, Biography) Helen Mirren. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle (CC)		MTV Live (CC)		Cribs (CC)

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/3/08	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland (CC)		Syriana ★★★ (2005) (Part 1 of 2) George Clooney. (CC)				(:10) Syriana ★★★ (2005)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 CH	Stunt Stars "Alicia's Book"		Forbes TV 20: Famous		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Soup	E News	News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Instant Star	The Hills	High School Musical: Picture		Million Dollar Password (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	'Til Death	Big Brother 10 (N) (CC)		Family Guy	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	High School Musical: Picture		Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story ★★★ (2004) (CC)				Mad Men (CC)		ideaCity
	253	359	13 CITY	Biography "Patrick Dempsey"		Role		I, Robot ★★ (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	One Tree Hill (CC)		Hates Chris	Aliens	The Game	Girlfriends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Without a Trace
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Big Brother 10 (N) (CC)		Million Dollar Password (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Preseason Football		Blind Horizon ★★ (2004) Val Kilmer, Neve Campbell.				Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		High School Musical: Picture		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	Law/Ord SVU
primetime	502	390	23 NW	One Day in September ★★★ (1999) Ankie Spitzer. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		One Day in September ★★★ (1999) (CC)		
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Jays
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Preseason Football		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		ATP Tennis: W&S Financial Group Masters				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants ★★★ (2005)				The Next Star "12 to 6"		Falcon Beach "Local Heroes"		Falcon Beach
	555	545	50 TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama	Fred's Head	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Specials		Rosemary and Thyme (CC)		New Tricks "Congratulations"		Life Begins "Maggie & Helen"		Last Detective
	575	583	20 CMT	The 43rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards Excellence in the recording industry.						Dedicated		Country Music
	615	520	31 A&E	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons	Family Jewels	Simmons	Two Coreys
	521	560	34 TLC	The Singing Office (N)		My Shocking Story (CC)		A New Face For Marlie (CC)		The Singing Office		Little People
	616	522	35 SHO	A Trick of the Mind (2006) Paul Johansson, Alexandra Holden.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Mr. & Mrs. Smith ★★ (2005) Brad Pitt. (CC)		
cable variety	294	650	47 TBS	(:15) Kill Bill: Vol. 2 ★★★ (2004, Action) (PA) Uma Thurman, David Carradine. (CC)						Kill Bill: Vol. 1 ★★★ (2003) Uma Thurman.		
	603	561	55 FN	Jamie	Nigella	Road Grill	Grill	Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie	Grill	Boy Grill
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) The Ant Bully ★★ (CC)		Generation Kill (N) (CC)		(:10) The Lookout ★★★ (2007) Joseph Gordon-Levitt. (CC)				Gener
	581	566	101 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Shuffle

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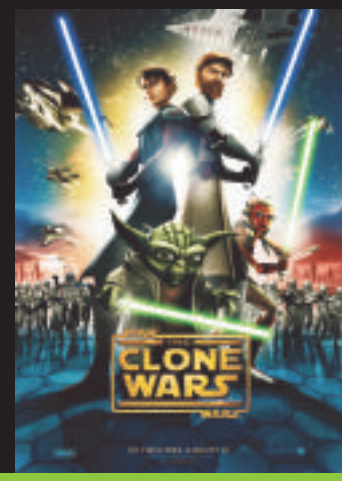

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Vancouver has lately mushroomed with "casual fine-dining" establishments. For the most part, this means down-scale food at upscale prices designed to appeal to those looking to upgrade from Earl's and Moxie's. It thus makes for a nice change to visit a place that offers high-quality niche fare (Italian, in this case). Sure, the prices aren't cheap, but you chew what you pay for, as the wise woman said.

Cibo delivers some saliva-inducing bites that mainly live up to their price tags.

A chilled zucchini soup ($13) was a hearty plate; a brilliant weave of texture, with both pureed and shaved bits vying for attention. Some deep fried zucchini flowers ($15), stuffed with ricotta and lemon-squirted, were groan-worthy.

Pasta courses saw veal-stuffed agnolli ($19), politically incorrect and oh-so-tasty, and spinach and ricotta ravioli ($17), both fairly filling. A grilled Berkshire pork chop ($34) with fava beans and morels was the first and last word in sizzling perfection. (Although at this price point, I would have appreciated inclusive greens, rather than having to order an additional side.) A grilled polenta ($19) was far too salty for us landlubbers, but the chocolate nemesis cake ($9) was a deep, dark orgasm of a finish.

On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment*.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie*.

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Grilled Berkshire pork chop with morels and fava beans

Prosecco: Bubbling to the Top

Some may consider this the poor man's champagne, but a bottle of Prosecco (which comes from the Conegliano-Valdobbiadene area, just north of Venice) can be every bit as celebratory as bubbles made via the traditional méthode champenoise. It's also good for cocktails, thanks to its milder and slightly sweeter taste. Here is one from Uva Wine Bar at the Modal Hotel, created by Bar Manager David Yates.

Apple & Cinnamon Cocktail

- 1 oz green apple purée
- ½ oz house made cinnamon syrup
- 1 oz Pisco
- 4 oz Prosecco

Combine purée and syrup, then stir in liquids, shake over ice and pour into chilled flute. Garnish with apple slice.

Dining out

FOOD AND FESTIVITIES
On Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., head to Terra Nova Rural Park in Richmond for a day of food, festivities and fundraising to benefit the Terra Nova Schoolyard Society and Organic Friends of the Future. Sample $3 nibbles from Aurora Bistro,Wild Rice and more. Visit *myterranova.ca*

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In brief

BAR OPENING Top talent Jay Jones (formerly of West, Nu and Salt) has signed on to run the bar at the soon-to-open Voya at the Loden Hotel.

KEEP YOUR GUNS AT HOME In an effort to stem the rising tide of restaurant shootings, City of Vancouver police have initiated Restaurant Watch, similar to the existing Bar Watch program. More than 40 local restaurants have already signed up. METRO VANCOUVER

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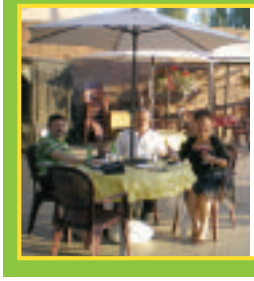

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Celebrity Buzz

Ryan, Rachel spark talk of reunion

RELATIONSHIPS Actors Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams have sparked speculation they are a couple again, after they were spotted going home together after the actor's recent DJ debut, imdb.com reports.

The former couple met on the set of the 2004 movie The Notebook, and enjoyed a two-year relationship until they split last year.

But the pair fuelled rumours of a reunion after they left Gosling's DJ set at Hollywood's Green Door club together.

Gosling was allegedly heartbroken by the split, previously branding McAdams as "one of the great loves of my life."

He added that his relationship was nothing like that of his Notebook character's union, saying: "Rachel and my love story is a hell of a lot more romantic than that."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Sarah's united front

RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night out in New York following allegations he had an affair with a 25-year-old woman, the Daily Mail reports.

The couple emerged from a Midtown restaurant Wednesday night, with Broderick's arm wrapped around his wife as they smiled at photographers.

It's the first time the pair, who have been married for 11 years, have been seen together since a magazine claimed he had a three-month relationship with another woman while she was filming the Sex and the City movie.

One source defended the couple, saying: "They have never had a conventional marriage, but it works for the two of them ... They are so private and hate all this silly gossip."

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celebrity brief

Avril undergoes blond moment

MUSIC Avril Lavigne only hires brown-haired backup dancers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer insists on being the sole blond on stage when she performs live. "I wanted my girls to look really punk rock, with like, black hair and that's pretty standard for everyone, like Madonna and Mariah Carey," she reportedly said.

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celebrity brief

Katherine not having kids yet

CONTROVERSY Kids for actress Katherine Heigl and new husband Josh Kelley? Not so fast, People.com reports. "It's nothing that we're talking about right now," Lucas said. "We're pretty busy."

Kelley, 28, spent the summer vacationing with Heigl, 29, and touring. Heigl said in March she would like to have children sooner than Kelley — but she agreed that wasting their current career opportunities would be "foolish."

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Britney dating staffer?

RELATIONSHIPS Britney Spears is reportedly dating her bodyguard, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star has been spending nearly every day with former soldier Lee, who has been working full-time for her for six months, and he has even started sleeping at her Los Angeles home.

"Britney and Lee hit it off immediately," a source said. "He is her perfect type. She loves guys who work out and he is in great shape from his days serving in the Israeli Army. He also has a few tattoos, which she loves. They've spent so much time together that one thing led to another and their relationship became physical."

The pair have been on holiday in Mexico together and Lee has been seen dancing around a hotel swimming pool with Spears.

"They've been having a great time. Lee's put a smile on her face," the source added to Britain's The Sun newspaper.

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celebrity brief

Karina steps on Bachelor rumour

RELATIONSHIPS Days after she was spotted getting cosy with The Bachelor's Andy Baldwin in Las Vegas, Karina Smirnoff is denying any romance, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm sure Andy is a cool guy," the dancer said. "However, there is absolutely no truth to any of the rumours."

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celebrity brief

Halle's ex-hubby wishes her well

PEOPLE Actress Halle Berry's ex-husband, Eric Benet, only has nice things to say about her, usmagazine.com reports.

"From the pictures, she looks great," Benet said. "I haven't spoken to her — it's been a few years now — but I'm happy for her."

Benet and Berry, 41, split in 2004 after three years of marriage.

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Tommy proposes to me daily, Pam says

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is said to face a love dilemma every day as her ex-husband Tommy Lee is constantly asking her to marry him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Baywatch star was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But despite the split, the pair have been spending a lot of time together recently and are now co-habiting for the sake of their two sons Dylan, 10 and Brandon, 12.

However, it is believed that Lee wants the four of them to be a proper family again, and Anderson has hinted that one day, she might just accept his proposal.

"Tommy asks me to marry him every day," she says. "It's very confusing. Marriage is romantic and I get swept up easily."

After two short-lived unions to Kid Rock and film producer Rick Salomon, Anderson admits her heart has always belonged to Lee.

"Tommy is the love of my life. It's a very deep love that grows in all sorts of unexpected ways. It's been the one relationship that's challenged me to the core," she says.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Wyclef Jean. It's awful when the bling bling bring brings a lawsuit.

Ryan Gosling and **Rachel McAdams** together again? I hope it's not true.

To me, the seminal lyric in SNL's classic digital short Lazy Sunday is "I love these cupcakes like McAdams loves Gosling." It takes me back to that time of innocence that was 2005, when the Canadian actors' love was in its first blushing bloom. To attempt to recreate the magic that was late 2005 will more than likely result in an odour not unlike that which is created by reheating cabbage.

Mary-Kate Olsen had to run out in emotional distress when watching **Heath Ledger**'s performance in The Dark Knight? Good, now she has some idea of the excruciating pain she helped inflict on millions through her performance in Full House, except in that case projectile vomiting was also usually involved.

I really feel for **Matthew Broderick**. I'm sure SJP's Carrie Bradshaw voiceovers were getting to him. "You know when you wake up in the morning and you realize you've just been with a man who's decidedly NOT Mr. Big ... "

Yeah, **Avril Lavigne**, there's nothing more punk than back-up dancers. **Joe Strummer** used to go on and on about the importance of back-up dancers and what colour hair they should have.

The Pistols actually broke up after the infamous Winterland Theater concert following an argument over which of the Ernest Flatt dancers they should hire away from the Carol Burnett Show. That was so punk.

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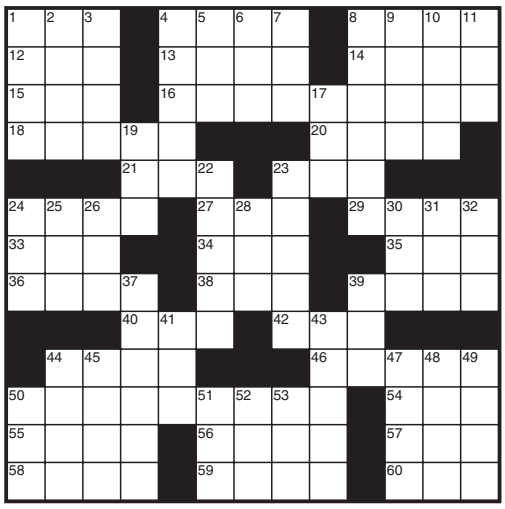
Kardashian pushes for wedding
Hollywood socialite-turned-reality TV star Kim Kardashian is reportedly pressuring her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, to propose — by getting a start on her wedding plans. IMDB.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Bellow
2 Field of study
3 Apron wearer
4 Religious leaders
5 Chest-beater
6 Lemon or clunker
7 Dutch airline
8 Kidnapper's demand
9 Yachting
10 Lapp neighbor
11 Trim a doily
17 Long sigh
19 Install tile
22 Derrick or crane
23 Shrink back
24 Irritate
25 Bilk
26 Garden-pond fish
28 Ewe's plaint
30 Get more mellow
31 Hawaii's Mauna —
32 Catch some rays
37 Bull's-eye
39 "Bien" opposite
41 Highest degree
43 Doggerel
44 Hourly pay
45 Ayla's creator
47 Write with acid
48 Ibsen heroine
49 Prolific auth.
50 Buffet standby
51 Prize marble
52 Fritz, to himself
53 Summer in Savoie

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Crossword across

1 Candied goody
4 Load luggage
8 Ride the rapids
12 Mesozoic, for one
13 October's stone
14 Where Cambodia is
15 Aloha token
16 Salon special
18 King-size spoon
20 Cold — — icicle
21 Blond shade
23 Sci-fi Doctor
24 Yucky
27 Geisha's tie
29 Fountain fare
33 Pooh's pal
34 Woosnam of golf
35 Region of India
36 Do socks
38 Cul-de- —
39 Spiteful
40 Hill builder
42 "The Loco-Motion" girl
44 Bump on a frog
46 Ms. Verdugo
50 More snooty
54 Freight unit
55 Screenwriter James —
56 Takes steps
57 — -Magnon
58 Dissolve
59 Roller coaster cry
60 Leia's rescuer

previous day's answer

F	I	B			G	R	I	N		R	I	B
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Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A timid person is thunderstruck. A man thinks about your special encounter. A stunning story will be told to the wrong person.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A mystical man has the facts committed to memory. Someone is compelled to speak out. Cut-throat analysis works for an official.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're able to bring things to conclusion. Be amused if accused of being starved for love. A good luck charm brings a major change.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A man's loyalty results in lost sleep. A busybody hides the secrets of the past. Come to the rescue before a quarrel begins.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Getting smart with a rival is asking for trouble. A jerk wants to give advice. Meeting a female does you some good.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
When complications mount, make a call. Keep your eyes trained on the future. A marriage is discussed by a reliable person.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A mercenary friend provokes dismay. An exhausting project can ease business pressures. Drastic change is on the way.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Something drives pushy people to alienate others. Feeling undeserved guilt wastes time. A narcissistic buddy wants to visit with you..

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Don't deceive anyone, no matter how trivial the matter. An unexpected gift comes in handy. Compassion earns you some points.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A man plans to clear the air. An argument will cause heartache. Meeting with a big mouth produces discomfort.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Criticism provokes separation from a friend. Something wrong will be righted. Tell someone of your personal problems.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Be there when a friend whimpers. A tongue-tied man mends a broken heart. Poke around in someone's memories for the truth.

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Sudoku

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			1	7		5		
9	2	3				1		
2			9		1		3	
	9						5	
	7		4		5			8
		2				9	6	5
		1		8	9			
		9	3					

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	3	6	2	5	7	4	8	1
2	5	4	8	6	1	3	7	9
8	1	7	4	9	3	2	6	5
5	9	8	3	2	6	7	1	4
6	7	3	9	1	4	5	2	8
1	4	2	5	7	8	6	9	3
4	2	5	7	8	9	1	3	6
3	6	9	1	4	2	8	5	7
7	8	1	6	3	5	9	4	2

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Vancouver weather

Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly cloudy. 18°	Partly clear. Low 14°	Variable. 40% 19°/14°	Partly cloudy. 20°/14°	Sunny. 23°/14°

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Temperature Normals
High: 22.3°
Low: 13°

Records
High: 28.3°/1950
Low: 10°/1937

Sunrise: 5:45 a.m.
Sunset: 8:51 p.m.
Moonrise: 5:57 a.m.
Moonset: 9:08 p.m.

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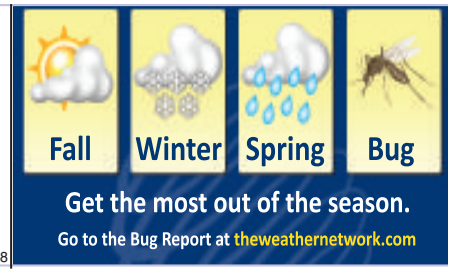

It's been a blast!

Well, the time has come for us to say goodbye. We've had a great time introducing you to neat products that make your personal and business life better. Nature is calling, and we have been invited back to the forest to become teachers for a whole new generation of spokescritters.

Goodbye and thanks to all, especially our loyal fans and friends. Write us when you can at our new email address: **frankandgordon@bell.ca.**

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